

or believed to belong to the regular profession here, as possible for the purpose of forming a society."

After two or three preliminary meetings, with increased numbers, it was decided to send a notification to every practitioner in the city believed to be a regular member of the profession. This brought together a sufficient number to divest the meeting of anything like partisanship, and then forthwith proceeded to organize under the name of the "San Francisco Medical Society" by adopting a constitution and by-laws. The code of ethics framed, adopted and recommended by the American Medical Association constitutes the basis of our organization, and to this our constitution and by-laws conform.

This furnished a platform upon which all who are described as regular physicians and surgeons can meet upon terms of equality for mutual recognition and conference, whatever the source of their testimonials.

This Society seeks to secure co-operation among the "regular" members of the profession in San Francisco; and if its meetings are conducted in the right spirit, will be productive of mutual improvement by canvassing results of individual investigation and experience so that the observations of each may thus be made available for the benefit of all. Organized upon such a basis, with such objects in view, let us not only invite facts and observations, but give a cordial welcome to hypotheses in their interpretation.

Secretary's Report.

Mr. President and Members of the Society: As secretary I beg leave to submit the following report for the year 1910, i. e., from the 22nd day of January, when I took charge of this office, to December 10th, inclusive.

Number of members in Society Jan. 22, 1910....	482
Admitted	43
Resigned	9
Transferred to other County Societies.....	6
Died	7
Dropped for non-payment of dues	27
Number members in Society, Dec. 10, 1910....	476

On going over the records of the Society on January 22, it was noticed that a large number of members were in arrears in their dues, in spite of 30 members having been dropped for that reason during 1909. Notwithstanding our continued efforts to collect all old accounts, as well as the current dues for the year 1910, it was impossible in some 27 instances to do anything but drop these names from the membership roll, thus losing \$789.25. There are now 476 members in good standing; many of them, however, do not seem to realize that dues are payable in advance, but from these members the Society can expect, within a very few weeks, to obtain the \$600 (approximately) still due. The Society is called upon to pay its assessment to the State Medical Society quite promptly, and cannot afford to carry delinquent members on its roll, and for this reason the total count of members is somewhat smaller than in 1907 and 1908, when less than one-half of the members paid their dues, but for whom assessments were nevertheless paid.

In the early part of this year letters were sent to several hundred local physicians, pointing out to them the advantages of membership. Still more recently the profession has again been circularized, with very encouraging results, so that it is believed that with renewed efforts on the part of this office, with the aid of an enthusiastic membership, at least 200 members should be obtained in another year. At this meeting alone eleven new members are to be admitted as proof of my statement.

Financial Statement, January 22 to December 10. Receipts.

Received from Dr. Rixford, treasurer, 1909 (check)	\$1,714.32
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Received from Dr. O'Neill, secretary.....	316.81
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Total received (of which \$1027 was 1910 dues)	\$2,031.13
Collected from members and rental of library	5,916.28

Total receipts	\$7,947.41
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Disbursements.

Rent	\$1,320.00
Cal. State Med. Soc., rent in lieu of ex-changes	180.00
Salary of office assistants, stenographer....	435.00
Salary of assistant librarian to July 15.....	455.00
Old library bills	1,015.30
1910 library bills	562.53
Attorney fees, 1910	125.00
Assessment to State Society	1,900.00
Old bills, printing, salaries, reimbursing Dr. O'Neill	136.68
Old attorney bills	525.00
Incidentals (including printing, stationery, telephone, laundry, supplies, rent of safe deposit box, insurance on library, secretary's bond, taxes, commissions on collections, entertainment, etc).....	794.60

Total	\$7,449.11
Balance on hand	\$ 498.30

There was furthermore received from the treasurer eight \$1000 N. W. Pacific bonds, with accumulating interest thereon amounting to \$600, \$10 of which was deposited in the current fund, from which fund the same amount was drawn last year for relief purposes.

The sum of \$200, representing the July coupons, has been added to this fund, on deposit in the S. F. Savings Union Bank.

As the members will have noted, it has been the aim of this office to keep the members in touch with all the transactions of the Board of Directors, so that the program has naturally increased considerably in its dimensions. In this way we have tried to maintain a greater interest on the part of members in the general welfare and proper status of the Society.

The following is a statement of the amounts collected and checks paid per month:

	Collected Dues.	Checks Paid.
Jan. 22, 1910, received from Drs. O'Neill and Rixford, of which \$1027 are 1910 dues.....	\$2,031.13	
January	150.00	
February	741.80	\$ 962.70
March	391.00	1,468.98
April	536.90	393.75
May	367.00	592.40
June	507.25	255.50
July	1,123.15	723.75
August	633.35	194.10
September	701.33	1,268.35
October	350.50	495.50
November	338.50	597.60
December	75.50	495.48

Totals	\$7,947.41	\$7,449.11
Balance on hand	498.30	

There are still a few outstanding bills to be settled before December 31, and it is probable that their total will not exceed \$300.

RENÉ BINE, Secretary.

Annual Report of the Milk Commission, December 13, 1910.

The Milk Commission has held monthly meetings regularly throughout the year and has issued certificates from month to month to the Ideal Farms at San Anselmo and the Timm Dairy at Dixon. The